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ShipmentsFrom-To and DateTwo boxcars, and
4 flatcars with
eight 50-mm AA guns;Frankfurt/Oder to
Puerstenwalde
5 December

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Three boxcars with
batteriesBerlin-Oberschoene-
walde to Muellrose
6 December

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One boxcar with
military goodsAltuedersdorf to
Muellrose
6 DecemberTwo boxcars with
military goods;Brest-Litovsk to
Velten
6 DecemberFourteen boxcars
with ryePuerstenberg to
Muellrose
7 DecemberFive boxcars with
military goods;Brest-Litovsk to
Muellrose
7 DecemberFour boxcars, and
two flatcars with
large containers;Brest-Litovsk to
Palkenberg on the
Elster River
7 December

3. The following Soviet rail shipments were observed between 7 and 9 December:

ShipmentsFrom-To and DateEight boxcars with
military goodsBrest-Litovsk to
Muellrose
7 DecemberFifty-two boxcars
with 721 tons of
ammunitionBrest-Litovsk to
Toepchin
8 DecemberThirty-four damaged
trucksBrest-Litovsk to
Koenigswusterhausen
8 DecemberForty-five damaged
trucksBrest-Litovsk to
Koenigswusterhausen
9 DecemberThree boxcars with
military goodsBrest-Litovsk to
Jessen
9 December~~SECRET~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>			
Nine new trucks	Brest-Litovsk to Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf 9 December	-		25X1
Forty tank cars with fuel	Brest-Litovsk to Velten 9 December	-		25X1

4. The daily volume of leave traffic between 7 and 9 December averaged 440 troops going to Brest-Litovsk and 750 coming from Brest-Litovsk. The second leave train which arrived daily from the U.S.S.R. usually carried 150 officers, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and golden epaulets with red stripes, some of them with artillery insignia. (3)
5. The following military shipments passed through Kuestrin between 30 November and 9 December:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Direction</u>
30 November	Eleven boxcars and ten gondola cars with ammunition	Eastbound, from direction of Werbig
2 December	Three boxcars and ten gondola cars with military goods	Eastbound from direction of Frankfurt/Oder
4 December	Empty shuttle-train of 20 coaches and 21 boxcars	Westbound toward Frankfurt/Oder (4)
5 December	Eight boxcars and one flatcar with military goods	Eastbound, from direction of Frankfurt/Oder
6 December	Empty shuttle-train of 60 boxcars	Eastbound, from direction of Werbig (5)
9 December	Twenty-one boxcars with troops	Westbound toward Frankfurt/Oder (5)
10 December	Nine boxcars with troops, 26 empty boxcars, and one gondola car	Westbound toward Frankfurt/Oder (5)

6. On 6 December 1950, fourteen empty converted boxcars and 35 loaded boxcars passed through Kuestrin, eastbound. (5)
7. The leave train which arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Brest-Litovsk at 4 p.m. on 7 December was occupied to capacity by military personnel, 65 percent of whom were officers who were registered in the Hofbauer Kaserne and subsequently reassigned to units in the Soviet Zone of Germany. (3)

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8. Two flatcars carrying crated airplanes were observed at the Cottbus railroad station at 10 a.m. on 8 December.
9. On 9 December, 50 flatcars carrying damaged trucks arrived in Frankfurt/Oder, coming from Brest-Litovsk. The 4 p.m. leave train from Brest-Litovsk was occupied to capacity. (3)

[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) Compare with reports [REDACTED] on the arrival of guns of various types from the U.S.S.R. during the period from 17 November to 5 December. [REDACTED] According to the reference report and the present report, a total of about 200 guns of 100 to 150 mm and 103 AA guns of 37 to 50 mm arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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- (2) [REDACTED]

- (3) The report does not indicate any changes in the daily volume of leave traffic over the last report [REDACTED]. See [REDACTED] The influx of many officers continued throughout the time of observation, and it can be stated with a fair degree of certainty that all officers processed through the Hofbauer Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder came to the Soviet Zone of Germany for the first time.

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- (4) The shuttle-train probably carried soldiers, due for discharge, to the U.S.S.R.
- (5) Compare with previous information on the arrival of enlisted personnel aboard two trains during the second half of November. See [REDACTED] It is possible that the empty eastbound shuttle-train observed on 6 December was to pick up additional personnel for shipment to the Soviet Zone of Germany. It must still be determined whether the new personnel are specialists, recruits, coming in behind schedule, or personnel assigned to new units, the activation of which seems probable in view of the increased volume of incoming shipments of artillery pieces and AA guns.

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